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APPOINTMENT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Acting Chairman: Mr. Alois MOCK (Austria)

1. At the first plenary meeting, on 14 June 1993, the World Conference on Human Rights, in accordance with rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, appointed a Credentials Committee, based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its forty-seventh session, consisting of the following nine members: Argentina, Barbados, Benin, China, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Russian Federation, Rwanda and United States of America.

2. The Credentials Committee held one meeting, on 22 June 1993.

3. The President of the World Conference, Mr. Alois Mock (Austria), served as Acting Chairman of the Committee.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General dated 21 June 1993 on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the Conference. Additional information on credentials received by the Secretary-General after the issuance of the memorandum was provided to the Committee by its Secretary.

5. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum of the Secretary-General, as updated by the additional information received, formal credentials issued by the head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, as provided for in rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the World Conference on Human Rights (A/CONF.157/8), had been received by the Secretary-General for

the representatives of the following 113 States participating in the Conference: Afghanistan, Algeria, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, China, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

6. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, as updated, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the Conference had been communicated by means of facsimile or cable or in the form of letters or notes verbales from ministries, permanent missions to the United Nations or other government offices or authorities, by the following 58 States participating in the Conference: Albania, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burundi, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Dominica, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Fiji, France, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Liberia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Namibia, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Rwanda, Somoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan and Vanuatu.

7. The Acting Chairman proposed that the Committee accept the credentials of all the representatives mentioned in the memorandum of the Secretary-General, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives referred to in paragraph 2 of the Secretary-General's memorandum, would be communicated to the Secretary-General as soon as possible. The following draft resolution was proposed by the Acting Chairman for adoption by the Committee:

The Credentials Committee,

Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the World Conference on Human Rights referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum of the Secretary-General dated 21 June 1993,

Accepts the credentials of the representatives concerned.

8. The draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

9. Subsequently, the Acting Chairman proposed that the Committee recommend to the Conference the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 11 below). The proposal was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

10. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Conference.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

11. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Conference the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Credentials of representatives to the World Conference on Human Rights

The World Conference on Human Rights,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.